

St. John Emlenton 9:30 6/1/69

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*Choral Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Responsive Reading Sel. 41 Pg. 590
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Salem Lamartine 11:00 6/1/69

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VISITORS

KENNETH CHADMAN }
KEN GITTMAN }
DEBERRY TACK }
JUNE STITZINGER }
VICKIE WILT }

TAKE OFF COATS

Offering, Prayer

*Hymn 225

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 462

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 190

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 192

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Call to Worship: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come
into his presence with singing.

Call to Confession: The Lord is near to all who
call upon him; to all who call upon him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also
hears their cry, and saves them. Let us confess
our sin.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: The Lord is near to the broken
hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. God
supplies all our needs according to His riches in
glory in Christ Jesus.

Laymen in Christ church will conduct worship next
Sunday. Very grateful for their support and help.

Announcements should be in by Thursday noon.

City Gamber Germany on 14th June.

TRINITY CHARGE—THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP June 6, 1971

The Organ Prelude
*The Hymn of Praise 324
*The Call to Worship
*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our Father, we pray for forgiveness, for all the wrong we have done our fellowmen: for unkind words and untruthful speech, for loss of temper and irritating conduct, for neglect of charity and failure in justice, for arrogant pride and contempt of the lowly, forgetfulness of others' pain and advantage taken of others' weakness; for whatever any person may rightfully hold against us; forgive us, O Lord, and help us to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture—II Corinthians 13:1-10
*The Gloria Patri
Anthem (Trinity)
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology
*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Hymn of Meditation 402
The Sermon—"Know Thyself"
The Sermon Prayer
*The Hymn of Response 266
*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
June 20th at 2:00 P.M. a joint consistory meeting will be held in Christ Church.

Also, on June 20th at 8:00 P.M. the Mercersburg Association will officially license and install Ralph C. Link as the Pastor of the Trinity Charge. The service will be held in Trinity Church.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. George Robb will be representing this congregation at the annual conference June 11-13. At a later date he will make a report to the congregation.

Next Sunday due to the attendance of the pastor at the conference, the Rev. Luke Buffenbarger will serve as supply pastor.

We extend our best wishes to John Hair who will be graduating this week. Congratulations John and we wish you well for the future.

Officers elected for the ladies of the church:
Pres. Annie Simonton, V. P. Virginia Lesh,
Sec'y. Joy Baile, Treas. Edna Boggs.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. George Achonbach has agreed to give up some of his vacation to attend a portion of the annual conference as the delegate from this congregation.

The Missionary Circle will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mabel Gelbach.

We extend Happy Birthday greetings to John McCoy who will be observing number 85 tomorrow. Happy birthday John and may you have many more.

Mr. Dennis Fisher is being reassigned to duty in Rhode Island. We wish him well and pray God's blessing upon him in his work and travels.

Facing Reality

Text: John 4; 15-19

Many times we travel along lifes pathway never giving much thought to who we are, what we are doing, where we are going, and then suddenly we see ourselves as we really are. This was what happened to the Samaritan woman at the well. This particular scripture lends itself to many sermons on life. But specifically it teaches us that we must, first know ourselves, that we must face reality, and that we cannot fool God.

The Greek philosopher Socrates said, "Know Thyself." Of all the knowledge in the world this is perhaps the most important thing to know. We can be educated far beyond that of anyone else. And we can hold all sorts of titles and degrees, but if we do not know ourselves, then we are indeed very ignorant or un-educated. Self knowledge is very important. The Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water, never dreaming that she was going to discover herself and see for the first time who she was and to know herself as never before. We can only surmise why she came to this well in particular, since Sychar (Sigh car), is more than a half mile from this well. Barclay in his interpretation states that perhaps she was so much of a moral outcast that she was not permitted to draw water from the village well in ~~Sychar~~ Sychar, where she probably lived, and that the other women of Sychar drove her away. But whatever the reason, she met Jesus at the well. When Jesus told her a very intimate fact about herself in that she had had five husbands and was presently living with another husband, she saw herself for the first time. She was stopped short and recognized her true self. When we come face to face with Jesus Christ we see ourselves in our true light. We realize that we are sinners and that because of this He gave Himself for us and redeemed us from our sins. We are awakened to the fact that the life we are living is not quite adequate. It needs that extra something and this extra something is Christ in our hearts and lives.

When we have the knowledge of knowing ourselves we must face reality. This is often very difficult, since too many times we like to think that we are usually right and everyone else is wrong. We can pass judgement on

other people but we can't use this same yardstick on ourselves. The story is told of the two R.A.F. fliers during World War II. Both of them had been in com-
t. The one had just been discharged from the hospital after being in a very bad plane crash. The other man had just come from Buckingham Palace where he had been decorated for bravery. They were dressed in civilian clothes in this little restaurant eating and talking as two very good friends do, and along comes this young lady and places a white feather beside each of their plates and walks away. A white feather is supposed to signify cowardice, and she assumed that since these fellows were not in uniform they were cowards and not doing their duty. And how often we all do this. We say something about Mrs. So and So when we do not even know the facts in the case. Or we say that Mr. Such and Such did this when the story we have heard is second or third hand. But we do not judge ourselves in this way. The poet Robert Burns once said something like this, "O would some power the giver give us, to see ourselves as others see us." And this is more truth than poetry. Think of how wonderful it would be if each time were to do something which we thought was great, ~~and~~ we could see very well that perhaps we were not motivated out of love, that maybe we were doing it to have others say how wonderful we are. Or maybe we could see that it was not love in our hearts that prompted us to do something else, but merely a chance to look good to others. You see these are the things we should be examining in ourselves. We are quick to pass judgement on others but very slow in seeing where we are wrong. A man named Gilbert Frankau was producing a play. He sent to a theatrical agency for a male actor to play the lead. The young man that was sent was interviewed and given an audition. After this was over Mr. Frankau called the agency and said, "This man can't act, he will never do. He can't act now, nor will he ever be able to act, and you better tell him to find another profession before he starves. By the way tell me his name again so I can cross him off my list." The man's name was Ronald Coleman one of the most famous actors the movies have ever known. So you see it isn't too good to pass what we feel is our expert opinion. Sometimes our opinion is all wrong and many times it hurts people. The Samaritan woman was thankful that Jesus made her see reality. So much so

that she ran ahead into town to tell of her fortune. She wanted others to be made aware of their individual lives. To know that they were not all right and everyone else wrong. This is what happens when we really encounter Jesus. Paul stated in his famous chapter on immortality that, "We see through a mirror darkly, but then we shall see face to face." We sometimes see face to face in this world. We are confronted with our sinful selves and we are made to realize that this is us. This is you and me. The real me. And we cannot escape this fact when it occurs, and the reason we can't is because we cannot fool God. We can fool ourselves and we can perhaps fool other people. But the stark and real truth is that God cannot be fooled by us. Two brothers ran a coal company. They were equal partners.

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A certain preacher was continually after them to come to church and to join. Finally one of the brothers went to church and he liked it. So he coaxed his brother to go with him, but he wouldn't. Finally the one brother got to going pretty regularly and so he joined the church. After this he kept after his brother to come to church and to join as he did. No amount of persuasion did any good. Finally he asked him point blank why it was he wouldn't join. The brother always told him simply that he couldn't. Finally one day he said that he couldn't join because somebody had to weigh the coal. This fellow knew that it wasn't right to short change on the weight, but he also knew that his customers didn't know it. So they took advantage of the situation. And although this is only a story the fact still remains that they couldn't fool God. We can live as we want, we can do as we please, but in the final analysis we are only kidding ourselves. So we can outsmart someone today, and maybe we can outsmart a lot of people along the way, but the fact is that we know who we are and what we are doing. And if we should happen to forget, we can be assured that God knows all that we do. A certain farmer wrote to a newspaper that he had plowed his lands on a Sunday, sown his seed on a Sunday, reaped his harvest on a Sunday, and done his threshing on a Sunday. When October came he said he had found better results than any of his neighbors who had not worked on Sundays. He asked the newspaper how this could be explained. The editors note below the farmers letter consisted of a single line; "God does not make up His accounts in October." This only goes to point out that if we ever feel that we are fooling anyone, it will only be

ourselves.

The Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Instead of water she received the living water of God. Jesus let her get a glimpse of herself as she had never done before. She saw who she was, and she faced reality, and she learned once and for all that she could not fool God. Sometimes people, and many of them are church people, go through their whole lives never knowing themselves as they really are. The unfortunate thing is that they do not want to know themselves. But a truly smart Christian wants to begin to realize from the very beginning of his belief that he is a sinner and that he needs help. This help can only come from God through Jesus working in our lives. We all need to look at ourselves inwardly from time to time to make sure we are on the right track. And to insure this we need to fortify our everyday lives with religion. So you see it all goes hand in hand; religion, living, and God. So during these weeks when the emphasis is on education and degrees and what has been learned during a childhood of schooling, the best thing we can all learn regardless of our ages, is to "know thyself." Let us pray.

"Know Thyself" -- Socrates

JESUS LEFT JUDEA TO GO GAZILEE MUST CROSS TWO DESERTS

Story of Jesus and Samaritan woman; Jesus came to Jacob's well around noon and sat down by the well. Along comes Samaritan woman to draw water. Unusual because the well about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the town, also women drew water in early morning. Must have been an outcast. He asks for drink, she says, "you a Jew ask me for a drink?" Samaritans and Jews, do not mingle. Jesus answers, "If you only knew what God is offering and who is saying give me drink, you would have asked and he would give living water." No bucket and well is deep, how could you get this living water? Are you greater than Jacob who gave us this well, and drank from it and sons and cattle? Jesus answered, "Whoever drinks of this will get thirsty again, but whoever drinks of water I give will never thirst again." "The water I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

"Sir, give me that water that I may never get thirsty and may never have to come here for water again."

Go and call your husband and come back here."

"I have no husband."

"You are right, for although you have had five, the one you now have is not your husband and you spoke the truth."

"I see you are a prophet sir, our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place to worship."

Then he revealed to her that he was the messiah.

She was stopped short by Jesus answer, saw herself for first time

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Realize we are sinners and he redeemed us from sin. Realize life not completely adequate and that extra something is Christ in hearts and lives.

Must face reality, and this very difficult

Too many times we are right and others wrong.

Illustration of RAF fliers.

So easy to judge others. Mrs So and So or Mr. Such and Such, and stories maybe third or fourth hand. But do not judge ourselves this way.

Illustration Burns lines.

How wonderful if each time we did something we would question our real motives. Merely chance to look good in others eyes? Our own selfish reasons?

So quick pass judgement on others, and so slow to judge ourselves.

Illustration Gilbert Frankau.

Samaritan woman thankful Jesus made her see reality, ran ahead to tell of him. Wanted others to know of him, this is result of encountering Jesus, we want to tell all and, "See through a mirror darkly, but then we shall see face to face."

We are confronted with sinful selves and realize this is us.

You are me,

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Illustration of brothers in coal business.

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God knows.

Illustration of farmer and letter to editor.

God really knows.

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She learned she could not fool God.

Sometimes many persons never know who they really are all through life.

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During weeks when emphasis on ed. and degrees and what learned during a childhood od school, best thing to learn ~~is sex~~ regardless of age, is to, "Know Thyself."

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